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SECSTATE PASS AGRICULTURE FOR HUME - PARIS FOR AGATTACHE PASS
SECRETARY BUTZ - MILAN FOR AGOFFICER

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF ITALIAN PRESS
RELEASE ON AGMIN FERRARI AGGRADI DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY BUTZ
AND OTHERS HELD DURING FAO CONFERENCE.

2. QUOTE (ANSA) ROME, NOVEMBER 14 - MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
FERRARI AGGRADI MET WITH HIS U.S. COLLEAGUE SECRETARY BUTZ
DURING HIS VISIT TO ROME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAO ASSEMBLY.
A COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SAYS THAT IN
AUGUST IN WASHINGTON FERRARI AGGRADI HAD HAD AN EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS WITH BUTZ ON THE MOST IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS
OF THE MOMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR ON THE EMBARGO OF SOYA WHICH
THE US HAD IMPLEMENTED, CAUSING SERIOUS SHORTAGES OF THE
PRODUCT AND VERY STRONG PRICE INCREASES. IT WAS AFTER THEIR
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MEETING, OBSERVES THE COMMUNIQUE, THAT THE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

WERE ELIMINATED AND THE PRICE OF SOYA AND FEED GRAINS WERE PROGRESSIVELY ABLE TO RETURN TO FORMER LEVELS. DURING THE MEETING, CONTINUES THE COMMUNIQUE, FERRARI AGGRADI EXAMINED WITH BUTZ THE PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE FORTHCOMING YEAR AND WAYS TO INTENSIFY COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY IN THE MAJOR RURAL SECTORS. END QUOTE, END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. AS REPORTED IN REF A, IT SEEMS THAT ITALIAN AGMIN NEEDS ABOVE FABRICATED SUCCESS STORY TO STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION WITH REBELLIOUS ITALIAN FARMERS WHO HAVE BEEN PROTESTING THE PROFIT SQUEEZE THEY FACE BECAUSE OF HIGH PRICES OF FEED FOR THEIR LIVESTOCK, AS MILK AND MEAT RETAIL PRICES REMAIN CONTROLLED. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

4. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. COMMUNIQUE ALSO REFERRED TO AGMIN'S QUOTE PROFOUND DISCUSSIONS UNQUOTE WITH THE COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS ON PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF CAP. END UNCLASSIFIED. VOLPE

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